

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 21 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 21 being independent.

Claims 22 through 27 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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